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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name/MI Student ID

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/Apt #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

To be considered an independent student, you must answer all questions and provide appropriate documentation to substantiate your extenuating circumstances. **Appeals submitted without documentation cannot be considered.**

Please be advised that unless it is determined that there are extenuating circumstances beyond your control that make it impossible or unreasonable for you to provide parental information on your financial aid application, your appeal will not be approved. The following are **not** considered acceptable reasons to appeal.

- A student or parent choice that you live outside the parent(s)' home
- Parental unwillingness to provide information or student unwillingness to seek parental information
- Being financially self-supporting
- Not claimed as a tax dependent for IRS purposes

**Appeal Process:**

1. Sign a written statement explaining why it is impossible or unreasonable to obtain your parents' information. If you no longer have contact with your parents, explain your situation.
  - a. Describe how you have been self-supporting.
    - i. When did you first meet your living expenses without parental help?
    - ii. How have you provided for yourself?
    - iii. List all income and resources for 2015. You may be asked to provide documentation of all income. You may be asked to provide copies of your Tax Return Transcript, W-2's, employer statements, or agency benefit verification.
  - b. When did you last live with either parent?
  - c. Describe your current living situation
  - d. Provide the following parental information:
    - i. Father's name and address
    - ii. Mother's name and address
2. Attach a signed statement from a responsible adult who is aware of your situation and can verify the facts you present. *(Examples of such persons would include clergy, caseworkers, sponsors, guardians, court officials, teachers, counselors, or police officers. A statement from a relative is generally not acceptable.)*
3. If approved, this appeal is valid for one school year. **You must appeal each year.**

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